

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A card records data as an optically readable code. A non-interference area is provided around the code to inhibit presence of only an interference image having  
5 an attribute causing an error during reading of the code. The code reader's CPU provides a code detection area to be used when a restoration section detects a code image from an image pickup area as a frame image stored in memory. This code detection area is  
10 determined based on an alignment error between the image pickup element and the code, and a specification of the code. The alignment error may result from the bottom of a slit which specifies a positional relationship between the code and the image pickup  
15 element to pick up the code.

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